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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SIE-5, "Soviet Air Defense Capabilities 1952-1954"

1. The following statement of the Director of Intelligence, USAF, has been submitted as a substitute for the several D/I, USAF, footnotes which appear in the 6 October text (memo dated 8 October) now before you:

"The Director of Intelligence, USAF, is concerned by the several occasions in this estimate where meager evidence has been used to establish a judgment without, in his opinion, giving sufficient weight to substantial opposing evidence. He believes that the IAC opportunity to create intelligence of value in this subject area lies in developing better National intelligence on probable Soviet timing. To avoid an intelligence dilemma as well as a military one such intelligence should be based on a balance of evidence conceivably firm enough to warrant extreme National action. He believes that the occasions marked by asterisks in this estimate indicate a trend away from, rather than toward, this goal."

2. This footnote will appear on page 1, with cross-references to it in lieu of present footnotes (asterisks referred to above) on pages 2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 16, 21, 28, 31. In addition, DI, USAF, wishes cross-references to the main footnote after the first sentence, paragraph 37, page 25 (corrected version), and paragraph 25, page 16 of Appendix B.

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